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When our National Director of Chil-n's Work comes to spend two weeks, the Oakland Laboratory School, June to July 3, it is a drawing-card for ty Church School leader in our Con-ence. When she, Mildred Widber, is ning for the second consecutive year, n we know we have something in our oratory School which no Church can ord to pass up.

How can we get trained teachers, and p them?" is the cry of many a Church. e answer is to send prospective or pres-teachers to this 10-day training school, h demonstration classes under expert dance, and they are guaranteed to have husiasm as well as experience and lls for the all-important work of ristian teaching.

Planned as a boarding school for all side the immediate area, the School ll find housing for all comers. The tion is $5, and parents who come can oll their own children in the vacation ool classes and afternoon nursery (sep-te tuition for children, $1.50). How-er, this school is one of six co-spon-ed by the California Church Council, d leaders from various areas can attend ools in Reno, San Anselmo, Stockton, kersfield, or Sacramento.

For further information and application ite to the Dean, Miss Alice Sanderson, 05 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland 11, Cali-rnia.

COUNSELOR FOR BOYS

Rev. James D. Salmon is serving as unselor at the Preston School of In-stry, where very valuable leadership n be given to young men who have been trouble with the law, but who may ll be made into good citizens. Mr. lmon was recently a chaplain in the nited States Army. He has served our nurches at San Francisco, Ocean View, inity County, Cotati, and Penngrove.

CAZADERO FUNDS

The following is the report of moneys ecived and disbursed for our Cazadero mp project from the beginning up to e end of the fiscal year, March 31.

GENERAL FUND

ifts from Individuals		
d Churches	$31,215.14	
erman Memorial	785.30	
reisinger Memorial	622.00	
rs. R. C. Day Memorial	37.50	$32,659.94
isbursements:		
ost of property	16,557.55	
apital Improvements, including cabins, truck, water tank, etc.	11,265.16*	
aintenance Items to 3-31-46	2,086.41	29,909.13
alance in General Fund		$ 2,750.81

MAINTENANCE FUND

ncome:		
efund from Operations	89.07	
rounds fees to March 31, 1946	1,117.25	
eficit Fund	1,535.00	$ 2,741.32
isbursements:		
o Operations Fund Deficit	346.00	
Maintenance Expenditures	2,395.32	$ 2,741.32

MAINTENANCE RESERVE

ncome:		
Grounds Fees 4-1-46 to 3-31-47	1,962.20	
ECAPITULATION		
alance in General Fund	2,750.81	
Maintenance Reserve (New Year)	1,962.20	
otal on hand in all funds		$ 4,713.01

NOTE: There was also on hand in Operations Fund $115.57.

*Approximate cost of cabins $2,845.65.

CAZADERO NEWS AND PLANS

Erecting bunks, building pipelines, moving gasoline drums, burning trash, forty-seven hard-hitting Work Campers put in four days at Cazadero at the annual Spring Work Camp. Divided into four or five to a crew, with an adult leader, the campers gave the buildings a thorough spring cleaning, along with some new construction and new ideas.

Among the new ideas that just happened—during free time, incidentally—was a stage for the amphitheater, built of mossy rocks and filled with dirt behind, to give room for dramatic productions and skits which before have been crowded between the campfire and the front row of seats.

Along with the program of work, the campers had morning chapel services, led by George Lindsey of Pacific School of Religion, an afternoon Pilgrim Fellowship meeting in which Miss Claudine Swanson, Mrs. Scott Haymond, and Mrs. Hewitt Kendall took the lead, and evening vespers led by Field Secretary Wim Mever.

In addition to projects mentioned, the phone line was maintained, grass cleared near buildings, and other fire-prevention work, two privies erected at the swimming pool, new trail to the waterfall, and many minor clean-up projects.

MAKE-READY CAMP

There's always more to do in fixing up a Camp of our own! So a plan for a Memorial Day Work Camp has just hatched in time to announce in PACIFIC. The dates are Friday, May 30, to Sunday, June 1, though people will be welcome to leave Saturday evening to get home for Church, and they can arrive Thursday evening (after supper!). The probable cost is $4, and reservations or inquiries should be sent to Mrs. Scott Haymond, 180 Tamalpais Road, Berkeley, who has promised to order the food. Memorial Day will be a fine change for people who own the camp theoretically to come and own it in person!—but bring your work shoes.

Clothes! Bedding! Shoes! from the closets of our homes to the bodies of those who are cold! Spring housecleaning in America that means the difference between suffering and comfort in other lands! That is what the drive for overseas relief materials really means.

Churches of all denominations in our area are asked to gather an average of at least five pounds of clothing per member. Youth groups have pledged 50,000 pair of shoes. The women's organizations in each church are asked to have ten active members to contact by phone, postcard, etc., the entire membership.

Clothing should be brought to the church. Clothing should be clean and mended, such as would be given to a friend.

Men of the church should secure cartons and pack the goods and see that they are transported to the Richmond Center at 1145 South 10th St., Richmond, unless a local depot has been set up. These materials can be sorted, repacked, and sent overseas in time to prevent the awful tragedy of another winter with thousands of people inadequately clothed.

Planning for its biggest and most fruitful season to date, Cazadero is getting ready to welcome campers once more to the magic of a week of camp experience.

Every reader of PACIFIC is eligible, too, for it's not just something "for the young people." The family camp dates are July 12-19, and July 19-26, making it possible to choose either one, or stay for both.

The complete schedule of camps is included in the Calendar of Events. There are five area High School Camps, two Junior High Camps, two Family Camps, one State Pilgrim Fellowship Camp with official representatives from every Church, and a College Age Camp for Students and Young Adults.

Camp cost is $15 total, including $2.50 payable in advance as registration, the rest payable at camp. In the family camps, children under 12 pay $10 total, of which $1.50 is registration, not because children eat less, but to encourage the family groups. Leaflets are available giving all details and including the registration blank.

Leadership in the camps is furnished largely by the Ministers and lay leaders of our own Churches. Visiting leaders in 1947 include Mr. Lloyd Lorbeer of India, just returning from service as an Educator under the American Board. He will be with us for the first six camps. Rev. Philip Ward, recently returned from Turkey, will attend the last two camps of the season. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holley of England, now in America as World Church Fellows, may spend July and August at Cazadero. Dr. Ralph Hyslop, national director of Student Work, just coming to a professorship at Pacific School of Religion, will be a leader in the College Age Camp.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 20—Upper Bay P.F. Rally, Benicia.
April 24—Redwood Empire Association, Petaluma.
April 25—Upper Bay Association, Crockett.
April 27—Central Area P.F. Rally, Woodland E & R.
April 29—Bay Association, Oakland, First.
May 1—Sacramento Valley Association, Oroville.
May 5—Central Association, Salida.
May 6—Santa Clara Association, Santa Cruz.
May 8—San Joaquin Association, Tulare.
May 20-June 1—Memorial Day Work Camp at Cazadero.
June 14-21—Redwood Empire Youth Camp, Cazadero (note change).
June 21-28—West Bay and San Joaquin Camp, Cazadero.
June 21-July 3—Christian Education Laboratory School, Oakland, Plymouth.
June 25-29—General Conference of the German Churches, Lodi.
June 28-July 5—Central Area P.F. Camp, Cazadero (note change).
July 5-12—Upper Bay P.F. Camp, Cazadero.
July 12-19—Family Camp, Cazadero.
July 19-26—Family Camp, Cazadero.
July 26-August 2—Junior Hi Camp, Cazadero (Redwood, Upper Bay, West Bay).
August 1-6—M.E.M. Conference, Asilomar.
August 9-16—East Bay P.F. Camp, Cazadero.
August 16-23—Junior High Camp, Cazadero (East Bay, Central, San Joaquin).
August 23-30—State P.F. Camp, Cazadero.
August 30-September 6—College Age Camp, Cazadero (Student and Young Adult).

ASSOCIATIONS

Committees of the different Associations have been busy working out their programs and sending the information to the local churches.

Miss Ione Catton, Research Secretary for the Missions Council of New York; Mrs. E. B. Kientz, president of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California; Field Secretary William W. Meyer, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill will make up the team visiting all of the Associations. Mrs. Kientz will be in charge of the women's hour, when Miss Catton will speak. In most of the Associations Miss Catton will also address the entire group. Field Secretary Meyer is prepared to outline the great advance to be made by our Department of Christian Education and to answer questions about the new materials for church schools which are to be available. Superintendent Gill will present the revised Basis of Union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Dr. Stanley U. North of the Department of City Work of the Board of Home Missions cannot attend all of the Associations, but he will be present at the Sacramento Valley, the Central, the Santa Clara, and the San Joaquin meetings. He will speak on Sunday, May 4, at a service of the Sacramento, Sierra-Arden Church, and on Sunday, May 11, at Fresno, First Church. Miss Catton, during her stay, will be speaking at Orinda, San Leandro Broadmoor, Berkeley North young people's group, and probably in some other localities. Both Miss Catton and Dr. North are eager to visit some of our new and promising opportunities and projects.

The schedule of Association meetings appears under the "Calendar of Events" in another column.

HYSLOP COMING TO P.S.R.

Pacific School of Religion and our Congregational forces of Northern California will be strengthened greatly in the coming of Ralph Douglas Hyslop, who is to be the associate professor of Historical Theology and Christian Culture beginning with the autumn quarter. Mr. Hyslop for some years has been secretary for Student Work of our Board of Home Missions. He is a native of Idaho but received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin and his B.D. from Chicago Theological Seminary. He has also studied at Union Theological Seminary, at Edinburgh, which is to give him the Ph.D. degree this summer, and at the Sorbonne. He has participated in various youth conferences in England and Europe. Accompanied by his wife and three children he will arrive in Berkeley in September.

TO LOOK US OVER

Mr. William Kincaid Newman, secretary of the Church Building Department of the Board of Home Missions, will spend several days in Northern California, probably during the third week of May. He will be accompanied by Superintendent Gill on an inspection trip in an effort to visit every church with an immediate building program.

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EVEN WITH 1946

What a magnificent response from our Churches during the month of March! Treasurers cooperated splendidly in sending remittances, clearing up their accounts for the first three months of the calendar year, so that when the Conference books were closed at the end of the fiscal year there would be a substantial balance. It is interesting to note that the total giving of all Churches for the three months surpasses by about $65 the amount which came in in the same length of time a year ago. The gifts to the Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction are at a high level but there are many more Churches that have not sent in their funds for that worthy cause. This should have immediate attention. The needs are no less than in the past; in some areas they are greater.

	Jan.11 to March 31, 1946	Jan.11 to March 31, 1947	C.W.V.R.
Adin	$ 7.00	$ 11.75	.....
Alameda	472.00	511.29	204.00
Alturas	47.65	23.77	4.00
Angels Camp	.....	50.00	28.50
Antioch	25.38	57.14	5.12
Auburn	30.00	42.00	28.00
Benicia	.....	37.50	.....
Berkeley—			
Arlington	33.90	21.48	52.49
Chinese	10.00	.....	.....
First	3,900.61	3,009.49	3,216.66
North	215.80	229.75	155.10
Northbrae	.....	375.60	.....
South	164.92	184.70	20.00
Cedarville	33.75	33.75	.....
Cloverdale	19.92	16.31	.....
Cotati	.....	25.00	25.00
Crockett	32.93	43.53	5.00
Dinuba	.60	.....	.....
Etna	.....	6.90	.....
Eureka	222.94	224.78	95.15
Ferndale	84.55	82.70	15.00
Fresno, First	655.00	365.00	524.75
Japanese	.....	25.00	.....
Glen Ellen	40.00	35.00	70.00
Grass Valley	25.00	.....	.....
Guerneville	13.40	14.15	.....
Hayward	10.00	.....	.....
Kenwood	8.45	17.31	.....
Lodi, Ebenezer	28.80	.....	.....
First	1,765.00	580.98	180.00
Loomis	100.00	100.00	.....
Martinez	175.00	160.40	24.00
Murphys	81.00	100.00	.....
Niles	50.00	.....	.....
Oakland, First	2,072.57	1,823.63	743.40
Fruitvale	26.50	.....	.....
Pilgrim	28.00	23.34	8.82
Plymouth	400.79	393.37	.....
Orinda	.....	221.80	.....
Oroville	572.72	374.30	176.63
Pacific Grove	24.60	112.50	.....
Palo Alto	500.00	1,300.00	450.00
Paradise	150.00	172.00	33.00
Parlier	25.00	10.00	.....
Penngrove	.....	36.17	.....
Pescadero	.....	20.00	.....
Petaluma	336.00	300.00	300.00
Pittsburg	56.58	62.77	.....
Port Chicago	.....	25.00	.....
Porterville	300.00	565.80	398.70
Redwood City	212.04	381.93	83.20
Reedley	.....	15.00	.....
Rio Vista	.....	35.00	15.00
Ripon	86.84	66.75	25.00
Sacramento, First	550.00	382.50	1,000.00
Salida	.....	52.00	.....
San Carlos	75.00	145.00	125.00
San Francisco—			
Bethany-Msn. Park	80.00	47.10	34.05
Calvary	.....	30.00	.....
Chinese	20.00	.....	.....
First	446.83	396.89	.....
Ocean View	25.00	.....	.....
Park Presidio	37.32	48.83	.....
Sanger	.....	11.04	.....
San Jose	83.52	315.00	200.00
San Leandro	.....	31.36	.....
San Mateo	100.00	30.00	65.00
San Rafael	24.50	66.00	.....
Santa Cruz	150.00	310.00	.....
Santa Rosa	94.46	78.95	20.00
Saratoga	.....	205.55	.....
Sebastopol	85.77	131.41	.....
Sonoma	.....	49.66	.....
Soquel	.....	88.00	10.00
Stockton	265.53	407.27	121.05
Suisun	51.94	54.14	11.74
Tulare	200.33	254.58	213.25
Weaverville	100.00	50.00	.....
Woodside	11.50	11.50	.....
Reno, Nevada	200.75	192.10	33.15
Miscellaneous	828.41	800.90	1,197.83
	$16,476.10	$16,541.42	$9,917.59

KENWOOD. Six children were baptized and two adults united with the church on Easter Sunday, when there was a crowded house of worshipers. An increase in salary has been granted to Rev. H. J. Loken, new dining tables have been built for the church use, and new walks and fence have been constructed at the manse.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Detailed plans for the new social hall are being prepared by the architect. Family night on March 19 was held in the church of the Latter-Day Saints. Rev. Caldwell Smith, Presbyterian missionary recently returned from India, gave an excellent address and answered many questions. Rev. E. V. Haynes, pastor, led in community singing.

RIO VISTA. On Palm Sunday, a beautiful set of candelabra was dedicated as a memorial to Mrs. Peter Cook, Sr., who, for many years, was an outstanding worker and supporter of the Church. Rev. J. N. Bridges has announced his plans for a Vacation Church School.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. The basketball team won third place in the Berkeley Church League. Gifts for the building fund continue to come in. A class in Mandarin has been started with a large enrollment. Dr. Hoh Yam-tong is pastor.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE. The church is securing a new Ford station wagon. An informal send-off was given Mr. John Young, who sailed as missionary to Japan. New Pilgrim Hymnals were in use on Easter Sunday. Rev. Norio Ozaki is pastor.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. The church is seeking a part time secretary to assist the pastor, Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian. Thirty children have been baptized at recent services. A beautiful service of dedication was conducted in which a memorial plaque took the place of the service flag.

PACIFIC GROVE. On March 23rd, a pipe organ was dedicated in memory of Mr. Silas W. Mack, who, for forty years, was a member of this Church, and who passed away last December. Rev. Tod B. Sperling is the pastor.

ORINDA. 700 people attended Easter services at Orinda Theater. The gift of a memorial organ has been announced. Rev. F. R. Morrow is the pastor.

ADIN. Rev. C. K. Clapp, whose denominational affiliation is unknown, has been called by this church for a six months' period and is at work on the field.

GREETINGS FROM CHAPLAIN VERNON

Rev. Samuel J. Vernon, who for a few months was pastor at San Francisco, Ocean View Church and is now a chaplain at Fort Lewis, Washington, may soon be sent overseas. He ministers to a large number of boys from 17 to 19 years of age, most of them coming from the east and midwest. He extends kindest regards to the friends he made while in Northern California.

WOODSIDE. The Church was filled to overflowing for the Maundy Thursday evening Communion Service. Twenty-eight persons made up the vested choir and twenty new members were received into the Church, 19 on confession of faith. Eleven adults were baptized; chairs had to be placed in the isles for the two Easter morning services. Rev. Charles E. Ward is the pastor.

SAN MATEO. During Lent the ministers, deacons, and deaconesses made parish calls to discover prospects for new members. Thirty-nine members were received on Palm Sunday. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham has been using the Beatitudes for sermon subjects. Mr. Buckham and Rev. Benton Gaskell have taken turns in conducting invocation services over the new radio station KSMO.

SEBASTOPOL. Rev. James P. Senter, pastor, is following the practice of publishing in the Sunday bulletin his schedule of calling for the following week so that members of the church may be expecting him. A group of laymen assisted in rearranging the meeting so that the church now has a center aisle. Miss Esther Hessel has been secured as a part-time secretary for the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. This church celebrated its adulthood by a twenty-first anniversary dinner at the First Congregational Church on March 14. Several hundred dollars came as birthday gifts to the building fund. Addresses were given by visiting Armenian people, Superintendent Gill, and Rev. Robert Moon of the Park-Presidio Church. Rev. H. A. Kartozian is pastor.

ALTURAS. The old Congregational Church property has been sold. It is the intention of the Church to hold the proceeds in a Trust Fund against the day when the Federated Church can erect a new building. In the meantime, the Baptist property is being used. Rev. William Moll Case, the pastor, held a three-hour service on Good Friday, speaking at intervals on each of the "Seven Words."

PORTERVILLE. In addition to the two Sunday morning services, there was a Cantata at the Vesper Hour. A special offering was taken for war relief. Children were baptized on Palm Sunday and at the early Easter service. The children's choir of 35 voices under the direction of the wife of the pastor, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, rehearses each Saturday morning.

TULARE. With Rev. George G. Dowey as adviser, this church successfully carried forward a building fund campaign during March. With a goal of $30,000, pledges were secured amounting to more than $34,000 with additional funds expected. A considerable amount of cash and bonds were on hand, so that the present total is more than $41,000. Rev. Clayton H. Gill is the pastor.

PORT CHICAGO. The average attendance at Sunday School is within two of the enrollment. Rev. W. C. Besselievre, the pastor, has been preaching a series of seven sermons on "Basic Faiths" following in general the order of the Apostles' Creed. Twenty-four new members have been received since the coming of the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. Twenty new members were received the first Sunday in March. Enough money was raised by the church to purchase a "heifer for Europe" and a fund for heifer No. 2 is on the way. Four hundred fifty-seven pounds of clothing were contributed in one batch for overseas relief. Rev. Robert W. Moon is pastor.

DIXON. Rev. Everett L. Spuller, pastor of the Dixon Community Church, reports twenty-five united with the Church on Palm Sunday. A new public address system which will carry fine music from the tower, a beautiful carpet for the sanctuary, and an electric organ have been added to this property, together with two new pulpit chairs, new lighting fixtures, and a remodeling of the choir alcove, as well as complete audio-visual equipment.

CEDARVILLE. It is hoped that the people of the community will respond to the suggestion of providing a tower music system for the Church in memory of boys from Surprise Valley that were in the service of the country. Classes, both for young people and adults, in preparation for Church membership have been held by Rev. Terence Stoker, the pastor. Mr. Stoker is also serving the Community Church at Eagleville.

ANTIOCH. Influenza, which took 500 students out of the schools, handicapped the church work. The attendance at the monthly potluck supper is overflowing the facilities. A city-wide census is being carried on by the churches of the community. Steadily the remodeling and improvement of the church plant goes forward. Besides necessary repairs there will be added rooms for the use of the program and they will be made much more attractive.

MARTINEZ. Twenty-five members were received on Palm Sunday. Average attendance since January 1, not including Easter, has been 169. Six hundred seventy-nine people were in the two Easter Sunday morning services, and the special Easter offering for War Relief was more than $700. Prof. Hugh Vernon White spoke at the fellowship dinner on April 8 on "Missions in an Atomic World." Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST. The women of the League enjoyed a flower arrangement lecture and demonstration. The Oakland Council of Church Women was entertained at a tea, when Mrs. Harper Sibley of New York, president of the National Council of Church Women, spoke on "The Church Woman of Today." Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, participated in Good Friday services at the First Baptist Church.

LODI, FIRST. Fifty-three new members were received at the Maundy Thursday communion service. The Pilgrim Pioneer group attended almost 100 per cent the class conducted by the pastor, Rev. Amos R. Boone. A beautiful musical program brought Easter day to an end, the young people giving the message. Nearly $1400 was the offering for the day.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. At long last permission has been granted by the CPA for the new building, with slight modifications of the original plan. Working drawings are being prepared. Eleven new members were received on the Sunday following Easter. Rev. Herbert Dimock is pastor.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. The Rev. John Charles Mickle with his family expects to arrive some time between May 15 and June 1. The church is making a desperate effort to secure a parsonage. Rev. Buell G. Gallagher is carrying the full work of the pastorate.

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BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

ACRAMENTO, SIERRA-ARDEN. In e of the lack of meeting places, this real church and a growing church. A up of young people, who had been ned in the pastor's class, received akfast and were examined for church mbership on Palm Sunday. On the e day infants and children were chris- ed. The church service was held in home of Rev. Mary McKee Chester Rev. Joseph Chester, with the young ple being received into fellowship. mmunion service for adults was held the Chester home the night of Good day. A splendid congregation gath- d for a sunrise service on the site for new building at 5:43 Easter morning. 11:00 o'clock Easter service was held the home of one of the families. The kt step will be the actual organization d incorporation of the church and its eption into the Sacramento Valley As- iation.

SAN JOSE. Following a month of in- sive study on India in all the classes the Church School, an India dinner was ven by the young people; nearly every- e sitting on the floor was served by ose in costume. Each department con- buted to the program, which included especially written Indian play. The o Pilgrim Fellowship groups have be- n a campaign to raise $500 for a new ovie projector. During Holy Week, 43 w members joined the Church; 27 on nfession of faith. There were 30 bap- sms. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is the astor.

STOCKTON. Easter was observed in altogether worthy and beautiful way. he lovely sanctuary was simply, but ef- ctively, decorated. The choir was at its est, and it is truly a great choir. Super- ntendent Harley H. Gill preached at the :15 service and the pastor, Rev. Noel J. reed, at the 11 o'clock service. The anctuary was well filled at the second nd nearly so at the first. Fourteen mem- ers were received into fellowship and en infants were baptized. Church at- endance during the year thus far has een at a high mark.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Twice with- n the month, the great auditorium of his Church has been filled. On March 16th, Roland Hayes gave a recital, which s always much more than an opportunity o enjoy good music, but a great spiritual uplift. Easter, of course, was the other occasion. The Easter offering amounted to something over $1200. On Palm Sun- day 25 people were received into fellow- ship. Rev. Robert W. Inglis is the pastor.

PARADISE. This Church is rejoicing in the beginning of what promises to be an outstanding pastorate. Rev. Robert M. Kennan and his family have been joyfully welcomed. Extensive repairs and altera- tions have been made in the parsonage and more are to come. On Easter Sunday there were two services with a total at- tendance of 390. Mrs. Kennan is the daughter of a Congregational minister and is a worthy helpmate.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. This church has a fine choir under the leadership of Mr. Walter Bates. A good- ly number of the members of this choir is recruited from the "Temple of Praise" Project, which is sponsored by the San Francisco Council of Churches. Rev. E. LeRoy Abbott is the pastor.

HAYWARD. Rev. Richard Norberg's subject for the two identical Easter serv- ices was, "You Cannot Hold Back the Dawn." On Palm Sunday 37 persons were received into the fellowship of the church.

SAN CARLOS. This Church has just finished a campaign for a new building under the general direction of Dr. George Dowey of Burbank. $33,000 was raised in contributions and pledges which, add- ed to $6000 cash already on hand, gives resources amounting to $39,000 toward the next unit of what will one day be one of our outstanding Churches. Sixteen new members were received into the Church since the first of the year and 35 new enrollments in the Church School. A calendar for the month of April shows the Church building in use 26 out of the 30 days of April. Each member of Pil- grim Fellowship is giving during Lent $3 to buy powdered milk for under-nour- ished children; $50 was contributed by the Church toward the cost of a heifer for Europe. Easter services were held at the San Carlos theater. Rev. Weldon Batty is the pastor.

FERNDALE. This church broadcast its services during the month of March. Church School attendance is being stimu- lated by the promise of trips to the Red- woods and to Cazadero for high school students having a perfect record of at- tendance until schools close. The young- er children who have such a record will go to Plymouth Park, near Miranda. Rev. Charges H. Hudson reports that the Sun- day School is growing in every depart- ment and more room is imperative. Tents will be used during the summer. A new furnace has been installed eliminating a serious fire hazard.

SANTA CRUZ. Rainbow Girls crowd- ed the church to overflowing on Palm Sunday during their 17th annual conven- tion. On Sunday, March 23, forty-two young people from the New Pilgrim Church, Oakland, with their pastor, Le- land Mahood, came to Santa Cruz and were joined by thirty local young people for a luncheon and a welcome by Dr. H. S. Mahood. About 100 women were present at a Brotherhood Month luncheon to hear an address on "Our Jewish Neigh- bors."

RENO, NEVADA. The Pacific is a bit tardy in passing on a new method of making reports at annual meetings, but the idea is worth attention even at this late date. The Reno church distributed at the end of 1946 a single legal size sheet summarizing the work of every commit- tee and department, as well as the treas- urer's report. It tells the story of a very successful year of work and yet is a mar- vel of conciseness. Rev. Arthur L. Rice is pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. The chancel choir gave a rendering of "Requiem" by Faure on Palm Sunday evening. Various East Bay ministers gave the Lenten messages over KRE at seven o'clock Sunday eve- nings. Rev. Vere V. Loper used for his Lenten Sunday sermons the topics of the Fellowship of Prayer, of which he was the author. Forty-nine children were bap- tized on Palm Sunday and 69 persons came into the fellowship of the church with the Easter class.

CAMPBELL. Two new groups have been formed: a new women's group meet- ing in the evening for business and pro- fessional people, and also a new college- age group. Twenty people were expected to unite with the church during the Eas- ter season. Rev. Robert L. Carlson is pastor.

NILES. Rev. W. H. L. Marshall of Para- dise, and now living at San Jose, has been supplying this Church during the season leading up to Easter, since illness over- took Rev. Burton M. Palmer.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Easter ob- servance began with a fellowship dinner followed by communion on Maundy Thursday. Good Friday services were held in the church in the afternoon. Supt. Harley H. Gill was speaker on both of these occasions. An Easter sunrise serv- ice was held at Murphys, with Prof. Hugh Vernon White of Pacific School of Re- ligion as speaker. Easter services were conducted by Rev. Lawrence D. Granger at Fricot Boys' School, Angels Camp, and Murphys. The Angels Camp church is "over the top" in the cost for the new building unit. A great deal of volunteer labor has been given and the building is nearing completion. The Murphys church is now on a budget, having secured suffi- cient funds by a canvass to meet their ob- ligations.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM. The Church now has 115 new Pilgrim hym- nals; more will be ordered. The new wing of the building is approaching comple- tion, practically all of the work being done by volunteers and the material paid for. Mr. Leland Mahood, the pastor, has gone to Chicago for his marriage to Miss Miriam Evans. During his absence Field Secretary William W. Meyer and Rev. H. St. C. Mahood, father of the pastor, and who is the minister of the Santa Cruz Church, are supplying the pulpit. Thir- teen new members were received on Maundy Thursday; the attendance on Eas- ter Sunday was over 350.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. On March 9 six new members were received into fellowship. The Thursday evening mid- week service continues without interrup- tion, presenting during the course of the year many ministers of the Bay area. On Sunday afternoons during Lent there were youth vesper services under the auspices of the Council of Churches. On Palm Sunday beautiful calla lilies were the gift of Mrs. James L. Gordon in memory of her late husband who was pastor from 1919 to 1926. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce is taking a few days' rest following Easter.

LOOMIS. The church building has been completely transformed. Walls and wood- work have been painted and new drapes and carpeting installed. The Pilgrim Fel1 lowship young people provided a new altar cross and cloth. The floors were sanded and refinished by the men of the church. The new printed bulletin, en- titled "The Messenger," has made its ap- pearance. A youth church has been or- ganized, carrying its own responsibility but with some adult guidance. Rev. J. H. Bennett is the pastor.

SONOMA. Not in many years has the capacity of the sanctuary been taxed by Sunday morning congregations, but that situation is nearing realization these days as the influence and thoughtful sermons of Rev. Joseph O. Todd are becoming known in the community. A series of Sunday afternoon vesper musicals has been given during Lent. Thirty new mem- bers have been received into the Church. The Church building and the parsonage are being improved.

SUISUN. Rev. Donald J. Maccallum has resigned the pastorate to take effect almost immediately. He will take full time work with a Methodist Church until autumn when he will enter Harvard Uni- versity for further study. During his pastorate real progress has been made in Church attendance, and an increase in the number of young people. New hym- nals have been secured, a sign has been placed on the building, and an electrified reed organ has been installed.

SOQUEL. A week-day nursery school has been organized and in operation for two months with twenty-one children en- rolled. A paid teacher, with the help of one of the mothers each morning, directs the school. This is proving a great boon to the young mothers. As part of the service of the nursery school department, motion pictures on child care are being shown, and a library of pamphlets and books on the subject maintained and dis- tributed. In conjunction with the local Parent-Teacher Association the church has sponsored a moving picture program on Saturday afternoons for grade school chil- dren. Moving pictures, slides and film strips are being increasingly used in the Church School. Rev. T. Davis Preston is the pastor.

PENNGROVE. Rev. George Hetenyi has resigned as pastor of this Church tak- ing effect immediately after Easter. He expects to be the head of a Mission for Mexican people in the City of El Paso, Texas, under the sponsorship of the Prot- estant Episcopal Church. It will be re- membered that Mr. Hetenyi was at one time an ordained Roman Catholic priest. He was taken under the care of our Con- ference Committee on Ministerial Stand- ing. He has made some very significant contributions to our work at Penngrove, and leaves with the goodwill of the Church and the people, as well as the Conference office. His new field of service should provide a great opportunity and a thoroughly congenial atmosphere for a man of his ability and background.

PETALUMA. More than $800 came for the Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction in response to the appeal of the pastor, Rev. Herbert C. Gans. It was necessary to purchase a new blower for the organ. A memorial fund has been set up by the Board of Trustees similar to that recently launched at Tulare. This gives to any person the opportunity to create a memorial for a loved one to be administered by the Church. Many peo- ple will probably take advantage of it rather than sending floral offerings at funerals.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. A young adult group to be known as the 20-40 group has been started to form a working unit. Each child in the Church School received an Easter basket. The receiving of new members was held on Maundy Thursday. The entire Church is to put one full day on the new site in painting, cutting grass, carpentry, planting trees and other odd jobs. Rev. George Aki has held devo- tional services over the local radio station several times.

TRINITY COUNTY. Rev. William F. Keeney helped out by teaching in the high school for three weeks during Lent. The membership class will begin this month and will be followed by a visita- tion program. Student Summer Service young people are expected during the summer.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. Thirty- nine members are on the list to be re- ceived April 20th and more will prob- ably come. Twenty-three children were baptized during March. Rev. Torrance Phelps is the pastor.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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High Thoughts and Noble Purposes

Fragrant blooms, weeping skies, soft balmy weather;
March was very fine, we thought, but April's even better!

And just so, it seems, do we enjoy to the fullest each Federation meeting only to find keener stimulation and more challenging depths in the next one as our program unfolds. The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Federation was held as usual on the third Thursday of March at First Church, Oakland, with our president, Mrs. E. B. Kientz of Stockton, presiding. The attendance was encouraging, but we especially would like to express commendation for those who travel considerable distances so faithfully to be with us. Honorable mention this time should probably go to the group from Paradise, Butte County, who traveled close to five hours each way to make the trip. Having been up to Paradise, it is hard for me to imagine why anyone would ever want to leave there. It's either their sturdy faith or the lure of Oakland, but anyway it is heartening to see those of you who come from afar in any direction and we hope to be so favored at many of our meetings.

Devotion in the Key of "B"

Continuing with the devotional theme adopted for this year, Mrs. Herbert C. Gans, our Devotional Life chairman, brought to us again many lovely and inspiring thoughts and suggested a second means of opening wider our devotional door—that of Beauty, a key which is probably more traditionally associated with devotion than any other. The beauty of nature is all about us as Spring opens with new wonders each year. We are suddenly aware of a marvelous transition —flowers upon the land and the singing of birds—as once more the annual miracle of Spring comes forth in silence and in wonder. For many, however, the transition has been too gradual to have found notice in their busy lives, but the Key of Beauty is there for all to use and we need only put our hand upon it and turn a little. The following beautiful lines by Jean G. Paxton were read to us by Mrs. Gans and we feel that many others of you will appreciate it as we did:

Beauty has laid her hand on me
And I shall no more be the same;
I that had eyes but saw not
Now can see
The earth and sky outspread in loveliness.
I that had ears but heard not
Now can hear
The harmony that life forever makes.
The universe is built on beauty
And I knew it not.

Nay, beauty is the soul of matter;
One jot, one tittle from the sum of loveliness
That holds the atoms in the perfect place,
And all sinks back to chaos.
I that had ears but heard not
Now can hear
The voice of God;
I that had eyes but saw not
Now can see God,
For beauty has laid her hand upon me.

The Douglass Report and Status Quo of Congregationalism

We were indeed forunate to have Supt. Harley H. Gill with us at the morning session and it was good for us to hear the facts and figures on the Congregational denomination in this area. Dr. Gill pointed out that it was not an easy matter to give a brief but satisfactory summary of any document so large as the Douglass Report, but indeed we feel that he managed to do just that for us. The report covers the immediate Bay area, which was the chief industrial center during the war years, and contains general conclusions and summaries. It is pointed out that there was a population rise from one and a half million to two million during the four war years (the Negro population alone having increased by four times), thus giving rise to the serious issues of housing, increased child population, swollen incomes, and race. The churches have not kept pace and have been inadequate to help meet the critical needs. Figures reveal that only 35 to 40 per cent of residents of this area over 13 years of age were church members even before the war, which is far below the national average. Many of the smaller churches in this area are too weak in membership to do the job, and too great a proportion of church membership is in the large central churches. There is a certain point of strength, perhaps, in these large churches but there is also one great weakness—the small Sunday Schools due to the fact that they are too near business districts and family units in the immediate neighborhood lacking. In the East Bay we have three large churches, having a membership of about 3700 members, out of the whole total of 5500 members in this area, or, in other words, two-thirds of the total Congregational membership of the East Bay belong to these three churches, but with only 842 in the Sunday Schools.

The survey shows a decline in both Sunday School enrollment and attendance at a time when large numbers of people were coming here with the war industries. Housing was naturally established adjacent to the industries and in most cases too remote for any of our churches to minister to their needs. Interdenominationally, a certain job was done, but nothing that added to the strength or growth of our own denomination. In 1915, our total membership in this entire area was 7283 as against a membership at present in the now existing churches of 9656. This represents a gain of 2373 in 31 years' time, or an annual average of only 72 or 73 a year—and this during a time of much progress industrially and tremendous growth in population.

Even more startling are the figures which show that during this time there was a loss of 1886 in membership in the Sunday Schools. These facts must be faced fearlessly. It will be of interest to know that the state Council of Churches has appointed a full-time Director of Survey and Research, and provided a $6000 budget, in which we share. His efforts will be directed toward discovering promising areas which need churching. He will also advise as to which church will go into an area and which denomination will be able to do the best job. However, many obstacles stand in the way of rapid progress, among which is the apparent indifference of our church membership as a whole. We should all be doing our part! A recommendation was made by the meeting of February 6 and which should bear our deep consideration, that a committee be appointed to follow up this Douglass Report, and that the Conference Board of Directors secure an extra worker whose responsibility would be to hunt out new locations for churches, instill enthusiasm, and get the work of expansion started. This might also include giving much needed assistance to the smaller churches now struggling along. We have never been a competitive group, and we are still not going to be an aggressive church in the sense of pushing in where there is already adequate churching, but we must do our part in developing our church in this area where there has been such an increase in population and which will certainly not decrease in the future.

Dr. Gill reminded us further that we should all be deeply concerned in the matter of the preservation and advancement of our church for we still see around us rampant, personal selfishness and greed. This is true both of countries and people, each endeavoring to further only their own personal interest. The churches must try to find the answer to this selfishness and exploitation. The Pacific basin will be the theater of world history in the days to come. Here we are, right on the very rim of it. This is the very first point of contact with America from the Orient, and it does make a difference what kind of a civilization we build here. The qualities that belong to peace and that will build it are in the hearts of all of us. May the Lord help us to understand this and act accordingly.

One Hundred Per Cent Means All of Us!

Let's plan to be truly thankful this coming year and demonstrate it in our giving. The funds raised through our Thank Offering contributions are used to finance the projects which we have accepted as a goal for the year. Our obligations can only be successfully accomplished through the funds accumulated in this way. This year, in addition to our previous projects, we have added to our budget $600 to go toward the maintenance of our Congregational Camp Cazadero, and $240 for the Research Work being done under the Council of Churches.

Legislation

Mrs. Stephen Peabody, Social Action secretary, brought to our attention several bills which our 80th Congress is considering and which we all would do well to understand thoroughly and study in our own groups in conjunction with the Washington Report. The bills which Mrs. Peabody brought to our attention are as follows: Senate Bill 472, Federal Aid to Education; House and Senate 1750, Veteran Emergency Housing; House R 43, housing (Wagner, Ellender, Taft); Senate 545 and 140, Medical Care. Also legislation in connection with Displaced Persons and Conscription.

Foreign Field

Mrs. Chester Marliave, Foreign Field secretary, informed us of the many fine positions open for service in foreign fields and that 194 new people under 35 years of age are needed to serve in creative consecration as teachers in the field of Christian ministry and as medical missionaries. Mrs. Marliave also suggests that it would be a very fine thing for all of us to become more widely acquainted with what is being accomplished in our foreign missions and to learn more facts about the countries as well. She told us of a most informative True and False quiz covering India. This works beautifully for conversational purposes either at church dinners or in our study groups. Combined with maps and appropriate music, such a program could be very worthwhile. Write to Mrs. Marliave at 420 Boynton Avenue, Berkeley, if you are interested. We were also amazed to learn what just one dollar would purchase in India for child welfare and medical supplies and all clearly understood the need for more of our dollars to be going there and elsewhere to accomplish these things!

Creative Religion

Mr. Melvin Watson, assistant pastor of the Fellowship Church of San Francisco, was our speaker for the afternoon session and gave an address based on the 11th Chapter of Hebrews, referring to it as the Roll Call of the Faithful, and quoting in particular the 8th, 9th and 10th verses. In them we are told that Abraham when called went out by faith not knowing whither he went, and that by faith he journeyed in a strange land looking for a city which had firm foundations and whose builder and maker was God. No definition of faith or truth, said Mr. Watson, could be given which would suit everyone; that it is a sort of unseen, abstract quality which concerns things we cannot see. Men have died confident and happy in the conviction that what they were dying for was a substantial certainty, and they were willing to give their all in its defense—this glorious search for truth, which they could neither see nor appropriate, yet willing to make the greatest of all sacrifices in its quest. Vital religion has ever kindled in the breasts of men, and in the certainty of reaching this unseen reality men have moved out and forward to channel the course of civilization.

Creative religion stimulates growth in the lives of men. In order to achieve the full and abundant life, man must constantly move from old lands to new lands. To change is to have grown. Everyone needs a staunch foundation and firm faith in order to progress. Young people have often felt that churches are geared to what has already been realized and created, that they are traditionally bound and are not moving forward. "Pray that we may grow," should be our earnest supplication. Paul told his followers of the need for revival of their spirit. Mature religion encourages and promotes growth, just as new associations teach us new duties. Creative religion makes men discontent with society as it is and, like Abraham, strive to find the city with sure foundations built by God and created upon justice, righteousness, and good will for all the people.

We'd Like to Hear from You!

We would be happy indeed to hear in greater detail what the women are doing in their various church groups and if possible to include it in these columns. If you are involved in some enticing, successful venture and would like to share it with the rest of us, contact your correspondent, Mrs. Clifford Poe, at 4140 Gilbert Street, Oakland 11, California.

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